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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of this application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 20, without prejudice, and insert new claims 21-40 as follows:

- a' Sub*
- 21. Pharmaceutical composition characterized in that it comprises a combination of an effective dose of inulin and of an anti-metabolic anti-cancer drug.
22. Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein the inulin is inulin with a DP up to about 100, or oligofructose or a mixture thereof.
- Sub B'* 23. Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein the inulin is chicory inulin with a (DP) ranging from about 10 to about 30, or oligofructose with a DP ranging from 2 to 7 and containing about 5 wt% in total of glucose, fructose and sucrose.
- Sub* 24. Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein the anti-cancer drug is selected from the group consisting of methotrexate, cytarabin, fluorouracil, mercaptopurin, thioguanin, azathioprin and hydroxycarbamide.

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